

Department of Natural Resources Law Enforcement Division

Field Operations

Weekly Report
September 1-7, 2013

This report is a broad sampling of events that have taken place in the past week, but does not include all actions taken by the Law Enforcement Division.



Region I- Calhoun (Northwest)

PICKENS COUNTY

On September 3rd, Sgt. John VanLandingham, Cpl. Casey Jones, and RFC Cody Jones responded to a request for assistance at Twin Mountain Lake in reference to a missing person who was last seen swimming in the lake. The officers used sonar equipment to locate an image on the lake bottom that they believed to be a body. Forsyth County dive team members searched that area and located the body of the missing person. Pickens County Sheriff's Office is investigating.

GILMER COUNTY

On September 7th, Cpl. James Keener and RFC Joe Hill assisted Gilmer County EMS with search and rescue efforts for four overdue tubers on the Coosawattee River. One adult and three juveniles were supposed to be off the river by dark and family was not able to make phone contact with them. The Rangers were called to assist at 10:00 pm. RFC Hill contacted a local resident to assist with gaining access through private gates to access the river. EMS personnel were walking a trail next to the river at approximately 1:30 am and heard the missing persons call to them. EMS personnel utilized the Rangers life jackets and throw rope to assist the missing persons across the river. All four were checked by paramedics and released with no injuries.



Cpl. James Keener on ATV patrol searching for missing persons along the Coosawattee River.

GORDON COUNTY

On September 7th, Cpl. James Keener, RFC Cody Jones, RFC Joe Hill, and Wildlife Tech Larry Etheridge were patrolling for dove hunters along the Murray and Gordon County line. The officers checked a small dove field in Gordon County and found it to be baited with corn. The officers issued three citations for hunting dove over bait, and three written warnings for possession of illegally taken wildlife.

CARROLL COUNTY

On September 7th, Captain Johnny Johnson, Cpl. Eric Brown, and Ranger Mark Puig patrolled Carroll County for dove activity. Five fields with 53 hunters were checked. Two subjects were cited for hunting with unplugged shotguns and one landowner was charged for unlawful enticement of dove by scattering wheat on a millet field.

Region II- Gainesville (Northeast)

TOWNS COUNTY

On September 5 Sgt. Steve Seitz assisted the Governor's Drug Task Force while they were flying Towns County searching for marijuana fields. The GTF helicopter spotted seven plants growing near a residence. When the officers arrived at the residence, they verified the seven plants were indeed marijuana and secured the residence. The owner of the residence was not home at the time, but arrived about thirty minutes later. The officers obtained consent to search the residence and located 26 additional marijuana plants growing inside. The homeowner was placed under arrest for manufacturing marijuana and taken to the Towns County jail. The officers seized 33 marijuana plants and indoor growing equipment from the residence.



STEPHENS COUNTY

On September 1st, Corporal Bill Bunch and Ranger First Class Tim Vickery patrolled the northern end of Lake Hartwell by vessel. Several boats were checked during the patrol. Citations and warnings were issued for allowing underage child to ride in moving vessel without wearing a personal flotation device, failure to obey regulatory marker, operating vessel without personal flotation device and operating a vessel without registration.

HART COUNTY

On September 1st, Cpl. Craig Fulghum and Sgt. Stan Elrod patrolled Lake Hartwell for boating violations. Five citations were issued throughout the day for various violations including failure to obey regulatory marker, operating a personal watercraft during the hours of darkness, and one environmental case for unlawful burning of waste.

On September 6th, Cpl. Craig Fulghum received a complaint on a residence in Bowersville that possibly had two fawns being held behind their house in a fence. Cpl. Fulghum and RFC Brandon Pierce responded to the complaint and found two fawns in a fence behind the house. After talking to the homeowner one subject was charged with holding a game animal without a permit. The two deer were taken and released.

On September 7th Cpl. Fulghum worked water security for the Tugaloo Triathlon at Tugaloo State Park on Lake Hartwell in the morning. During his boat patrol Cpl. Fulghum checked goose hunters in Shoal Creek. No violations were documented.

On September 7th Cpl. Craig Fulghum and Capt. Thomas Barnard patrolled Hart County for opening day of Dove season. Several fields were checked throughout Hart County and three warnings were issued for hunting without a license.

MADISON COUNTY

On September 7th, RFC Shane Sartor and Wildlife Tech Eric Wood patrolled for dove hunters. Several fields were checked and one was found to be baited. The owner of the field claimed responsibility for the bait and was issued a citation for hunting over bait and four warnings were issued to the others for hunting over bait.

BANKS COUNTY

On September 5, RFC Mark Stephens, CPL. Adam Loudermilk, Capt. Thomas Barnard, Sgt. Greg Colson, RFC Brandon Pierce and RFC Mitchell Crump assisted the Banks County Sheriff's Office and Fire Department in locating a missing women. The officers operated their ATV's in remote areas within Banks County in an attempt to locate the women. The individual was located alive by officers later in the afternoon.

On September 7th, Sgt. Mike Burgamy and Cpl. Adam Loudermilk patrolled Banks County. During the patrol the hunters checked approximately 30 dove hunters. The Rangers issued citations and warnings for hunting over bait, hunting without a license, and hunting with an unplugged shotgun.

HALL COUNTY

On September 1st, Cpl. Adam Loudermilk and a Gwinnett Co. PD officer patrolled Lake Lanier. During the patrol they arrested one subject for operating a vessel under the influence of alcohol.

On September 1st, Cpl. Jason Roberson and Captain Thomas Barnard arrested two subjects for operating a vessel under the influence in Shoal Creek on Lake Lanier. One of the suspects was also charged with BUI Child Endangerment.

On September 7th, Cpl. Jason Roberson and Ranger Kevin Goss patrolled Hall County for opening day of dove season. They encountered a suspicious subject on a hunting club off of Fuller Rd. After a brief encounter, it was obvious that the suspect was under the influence of methamphetamine. Cpl. Roberson attempted to pat the suspect down for weapons due to his aggressive behavior. The subject attempted to flee on foot and was subdued by Ranger Goss and Cpl. Roberson. He was placed in custody after a brief struggle. The Rangers located a baggie of methamphetamine, Xanax, and Loratab in his front pocket. He was charged with Driving Under the Influence, Obstruction of an officer, and numerous felony drug violations.

JACKSON COUNTY

On September 7th, RFC Eric Isom and Wildlife Tech III Brandon Walls patrolled for hunting activity on opening day of dove season. During the patrol the officers checked six fields and fifty hunters. Three fields were found to be baited. Twenty doves were confiscated on opening day. All infraction from the patrol were documented, these included unlawful enticement of game, hunting over bait, possession of illegally taken wildlife, hunting with an unplugged shotgun, hunting without a license, and hunting without a HIP permit.

DAWSON COUNTY

On September 1st, Sgt. Lee Brown and Cpl. Eric Sanders patrolled Lake Lanier for boating and fishing activity. The rangers issued a citation for allowing another to operate a vessel without complying with the registration laws.

On September 1st, Sgt. Lee Brown and Cpl. Eric Sanders responded to the Amicalola River on Steele Bridge Road on Dawson Forest WMA reference to a subject that had drowned. The Forsyth County Fire Department Dive Team was on the scene searching. They were not able to locate the subject before dark and the search was called off until the next day.

On September 2nd, Sgt. Brown and Cpl. Sanders were back at the Amicalola River assisting with the search efforts. The Dawson County Sheriff's Office and Fire Departments were also on the scene. The Dawson County Dive Team started searching and was able to locate the subject after several hours of searching.

FORSYTH COUNTY

On September 1st, RFC Barry Britt and Ranger Shane Brown patrolled Lake Lanier and issued a citation for operating a PWC after dark.

On September 2nd, Cpl. Adam Loudermilk and Range Shane Brown patrolled Lake Lanier for boating and fishing violations. The ranger issued citations and warnings for fishing without license.

On September 7th, Sgt. Lee Brown and Ranger Shane Brown patrolled the county for the opening day of dove season. The rangers issued citations and warnings for hunting over bait, hunting with an unplugged shotgun and failure to participate in HIP program.

Region III- Thomson (East Central)

BURKE COUNTY

On September 07, Cpl. Ben Payne and RFC Grant Matherly patrol Burke County for Dove hunting activity. The Rangers checked a total of 5 fields; 38 hunters were checked which had harvested a total of 108 birds. Four citations were written, which included unlawful enticement, and hunting without a license. Three warning were issued for failure to participate in the HIP survey.

JEFFERSON COUNTY

On the morning of September 08, Cpl. Ben Payne, RFC Matherly, and Sgt. Max Boswell checked a dove field in Jefferson County off Side Track road, which had four hunters. As the Rangers were checking the field they found it to be baited with oats, wheat, soy beans, and peas. The hunters were issued Federal citations for hunting over bait, and hunting without license.

On September 08, RFC Matherly patrolled Western Jefferson County with USFW agent Brian Rowland. They checked one field with 12 hunters. No citations were issued.

OCONEE COUNTY

On September 7th Sgt. Brian Carter and RFC Tim Butler checked several dove shoots. Nine citations and warnings were issued for hunting over bait, hunting with an unplugged shotgun, hunting without a license, and possession of illegally taken wildlife. Seven dove were confiscated.

WILKES/ELBERT COUNTY

On September 8th Sgt. Matt Garthright and Cpl. Mark Patterson patrolled for dove hunting activity. Seventeen violations were documented including unlawful enticement of game, hunting over bait and possession of illegally taken wildlife.

COLUMBIA COUNTY

On September 7th and 8th, Sgt. Doyte Chaffin and RFC Robert Timmerman worked a Marine Event at West Dam Park. The event was a Triathlon that involved 250 participants. The Rangers worked security on the swimming phase of the event.

WARREN COUNTY

On September 7th, RFC Brian Adams conducted a 2 hour Hunter Safety Course.

On September 8th, Sgt. Doyte Chaffin and RFC Brian Adams conducted a concentrated patrol of Warren County for dove hunting activity. Several fields and hunters were checked with no violations being detected.

LINCOLN COUNTY

On September 8th, Cpl. Ryan Swain apprehended two subjects hunting doves over bait. The subjects were warned for hunting doves over bait.

GREENE COUNTY

On September 7, Cpl. Derrell Worth, Cpl. David Allen, RFC Ricky Boles, and RFC Niki Spencer checked 115 dove hunters. Violations include hunting without a license and hunting with an unplugged shotgun.

MORGAN COUNTY

During the opening weekend of dove season, Cpl. Derrell Worth and Cpl. David Allen cited nine individuals for hunting over a baited dove field. Several license violations were also cited.

WALTON COUNTY

On September 8, RFC Niki Spencer was patrolling the Walton Dove Field WMA when she noticed a vehicle parked in the parking lot of the WMA. The individual was located and cited for hunting on a closed WMA.

WASHINGTON/JOHNSON COUNTY

Cpl. Micheal Crawley and Sgt. Max Boswell worked Washington and Johnson County for illegal dove activity. Corporal Crawley posted one baited field before season came in Saturday morning. Crawley and Boswell checked 4 fields and several hunters throughout both counties. Late in the evening on Saturday they checked a field in Johnson County that was baited and had 4 hunters on the field. Citations were written for unlawful enticement, possession of illegally taken wildlife, hunting without license, and hunting over bait.

Region IV- Macon (West Central)

BIBB COUNTY

On the afternoon of September 7th, Ranger David Fisher was checking a dove field when he discovered one hunter with twenty-five doves, ten over the legal limit. The hunter claimed a number of the birds had been given to him by another hunter. However, none of the birds were tagged. Fisher explained that the law prohibited anyone from possessing more than the legal bag limit while still in the field and he issued the subject a citation for possession over the legal limit.

CRAWFORD COUNTY

On September 7th, Ranger David Fisher was patrolling for dove hunting activity when encountered a field that had been baited with millet seed. He issued one citation to the landowner for unlawful enticement of game and the field was posted.

HOUSTON COUNTY

On September 6th, Cpl. Robert Stillwell responded to a complaint of a baited dove field. Upon investigation Stillwell discovered the complainant had actually placed bait adjacent to another person's property in order to stop them from legally hunting dove. The complainant was cited for the violation and the area flagged.

JASPER COUNTY

On September 1st, RFC Keith Page and Cpl. Tony Wynne were patrolling Jackson Lake when they observed a vessel operating after 10 p.m. without any lights displayed. RFC Page illuminated the vessel with a large spot light and witnessed a man reach over a young lady who was driving and take control of the vessel. The man grabbed the steering wheel and the throttle and briefly controlled the boat before bringing it to a stop. The man was later found to be intoxicated and was arrested for operating a vessel under the influence of alcohol. The man was also charged with child endangerment because there was a child under the age of 14 on the vessel.

JONES COUNTY

On the afternoon of September 7th, Ranger Matt Johnson, Ranger Derek Cobb, Ranger Jeremy Reese and Cpl. Josh Copelan patrolled the Cedar Creek WMA's dove field. Numerous hunters were checked and warnings and citations were issued for license violations and unplugged shotguns. Later that day, Ranger Reese and Ranger Cobb located a hunter on private property who was in possession of 41 doves. The hunter was still hunting on the field and was charged with taking over the daily bag limit and the doves were confiscated.

MONROE COUNTY / RUM CREEK WMA

At approximately 4:00 a.m. on Sunday morning, September 1st, Cpl. Tony Wynne received a phone call from the Monroe County Sheriff's Office in reference to a person who said he was stuck in the middle of Rum Creek Wildlife Management Area. The dispatcher said the person had called several times requesting DNR be contacted to assist him. Cpl. Wynne called the subject to find out where he was located. Cpl. Wynne went to the area to render assistance. When he arrived, Cpl. Wynne saw a vehicle stuck in a stream bed and three people with the vehicle; a twenty year old male, an eighteen year old male, and a seventeen year old female. When the twenty year old male approached him, Cpl. Wynne could smell a strong odor of alcohol. When asked, the subject blew into an Alco-Sensor FST. The breath sample showed positive for alcohol. With the help of the subject's father, who is the owner of the vehicle, Cpl. Wynne pulled the vehicle out of the stream. The twenty year old subject was charged with possession of alcohol by an underage person and turned over to his father. The eighteen and the seventeen year old showed no signs of alcohol consumption.

MUSCOGEE COUNTY

On September 7th, Cpl. Jeremy Bolen checked the Adult-Child dove hunt held on Standing Boy WMA. This was the first dove hunt ever held on the WMA. Cpl. Bolen also utilized K-9 Ruger to locate a lost bird for one of the kids. Pictured below is Aiden Grady, who was participating in his first dove hunt.

Region V- Albany (Southwest)

CRISP COUNTY

On September 1st, RFC Clint Martin and Cpl. Bob Holley were patrolling Lake Blackshear when they observed a deck boat being operated erratically at a high rate of speed. The operator was attempting to throw two individuals that were standing on the transom and holding onto the bimini top off the vessel by making a series of abrupt high speed turns as they traveled back and forth across the lake. Neither individual was wearing a PFD at the time. A vessel stop was conducted and the operator was cited for reckless operation of a vessel.

On September 1st, RFC Martin and Cpl. Holley were patrolling Lake Blackshear when they observed a vessel being operated with improper lights. A vessel stop was conducted and during the stop it was determined that the operator was under the influence of alcohol. The operator was arrested and cited for operating a vessel under the influence and for operating a vessel with improper lights.

On September 6th, RFC Randy James and Cpl. Bob Holley were patrolling Lake Blackshear when they observed a vessel that appeared to be hunting alligators prior to the season opening. A stop was conducted on the vessel and the occupants were found to be actively hunting alligators. The two subjects were cited for hunting alligators out of season.

DOOLY COUNTY

On September 7th, RFC Randy James and Cpl. Bob Holley were patrolling the Flint River in Dooly County when they observed a pontoon boat travelling down river with improper lights. A vessel stop was conducted and it was determined that the operator was under the influence of alcohol. The operator was arrested and cited for operating a vessel under the influence and for operating a vessel with improper lights.

WORTH COUNTY

On September 7th, Sgt. Al Greer cited seven hunters who were shooting doves in a baited field. The hunters were cited for hunting doves over bait and their birds were confiscated.

DECATUR COUNTY

On September 1, Cpl. Randy Davis and Ranger Steve Thomas were conducting a patrol of the Flint River when they encountered a subject operating a PWC without wearing a PFD. The operator was arrested for operating a vessel under the influence and operating without a PFD.

On September 6th and 7th, Sgt. Rick Sellars, Cpl. Randy Davis, RFC Tony Cox, Ranger Jace Heard, and Ranger Steve Thomas conducted patrols on Lake Seminole for the beginning of alligator season. The officers cited five hunters for hunting out of season, one hunting without a license, and arrested one for hunting under the influence.

On September 7th, Ranger Jace Heard responded to a complaint of a baited dove shoot. Cpl. Randy Davis, RFC Tony Cox, and Ranger Steve Thomas also responded and the field was found to be baited. The Rangers cited fifteen hunters for hunting over bait.

Region VI- Metter (Southeast)

LAURENS COUNTY

On September 7th, RFC Rodney Horne, Sgt. David Reckley, RFC Allen Mills, and Cpl. Dan Stiles patrolled Laurens County for dove hunting activity. Violations documented were; failure to participate in migratory bird HIP program and non-residents hunting without license.

WHEELER COUNTY

On September 3rd, Sgt. James McLaughlin, Cpl. Kevin Joyce and K-9 Briar assisted Wheeler County Sheriff's Office in searching for an escaped prisoner. Several rural locations were checked using the K-9. The escapee was not captured.

On September 3rd, Cpl. Kevin Joyce and RFC Tim Hutto once again assisted Wheeler County Sheriff's Office in pursuing the fleeing felon. The officers utilized the Departments K-9s to track the subject to a swampy area. The escapee was captured later that night.

DODGE COUNTY

On September 2nd, RFC Allen Mills and Cpl. John Stokes responded to a report of a partially submerged vessel on the Ocmulgee River near Dodge's Old Lake. The officers arrived on scene and discovered that the vessel had been abandoned and tied to the shoreline. The officers ran the boat registration on Active Outdoors and made contact with the vessel owner. The vessel's motor had stopped working and the owner had received a ride from another vessel. The vessel had partially sunk sometime during the night. All persons involved were accounted for and the vessel sustained only minor damages.



TATTNALL COUNTY

On September 7th, RFC Clint Jarriel and RFC Debbie Brannen Patrolled the State Prison property for the opening of the 2013 Dove Season. Numerous hunters were checked and citations written for: hunting with unplugged shotgun, failure to participate in the HIP program, and allowing underage child to hunt w/o supervision.

TOOMBS COUNTY

On September 7th, Capt. Scott Klingel, Sgt. Jon Barnard, Cpl. Kevin Joyce and Ranger Patrick Gibbs checked 7 hunters, hunting Dove in a clear cut. The rangers discovered the clear cut was baited with wheat. The 7 hunters were charged with hunting over bait and possession of illegally taken wildlife and 8 Dove were confiscated. The hunters were also charged with hunting over bait, hunting without license, and hunting with unplugged gun.

COFFEE COUNTY

On September 8th, RFC Hilton, Sgt. Winters, Cpl. Daughtrey, RFC Hutto and RFC McDonald conducted an opening day dove detail in Coffee County, involving DNR Aviation. Cpt. Ed Watkins piloted the Law Enforcement Division helicopter for the detail where 5 shoots were checked and several violations were documented from hunting with an unplugged shotgun to hunting without a license.

On September the 9th, RFC Hilton was patrolling Coffee County for dove shoots. RFC Hilton checked several shoots, one of which was in a clear cut and baited with corn. RFC Hilton cited three individuals for hunting over bait and possession of illegally taken wildlife.



WARE COUNTY

On September 3rd, Cpl. Jason Shipes and RFC Mark Pool assisted the Ware County Sheriff's Department with locating and eradicating 41 marijuana plants, street-valued at more than \$49,000 dollars.



On September 7th, Cpl. Jason Shipes and RGR Daniel North located a dump site while patrolling for dove hunting activity. This dump site was located along the banks of a popular fishing area in the Wacona area. Officers searched through the site and were able to locate the name and address of a possible suspect. Charges are pending.



CLINCH COUNTY

On September 4th, Cpl. Jason Shipes responded to assist the Clinch County Sheriff's Department with a vehicle vs alligator accident. The driver of the vehicle was traveling west on Hwy 122 when a six-foot alligator decided to cross the roadway. The vehicle was not damaged, however the alligator did not survive the collision.



CHARLTON COUNTY

On September 8th, Sgt. Patrick Dupree and Ranger Sam Williams conducted a vessel inspection in Folkston. Several registration issues were corrected for approximately ten boat owners.

ECHOLS COUNTY

On September 6th, near midnight, Sgt. Patrick Dupree responded to a night hunting call from a citizen on Register Road. The resident reported hearing a rifle shot on the roadway near his residence. Sgt. Dupree arrived and remained on scene for nearly two hours when a vehicle approached his location. A light was being shined from the passenger side of the vehicle, but it appeared it was only being shined into the water-filled ditches. Sgt. Dupree stopped the vehicle as it passed his location and learned that the vehicle's two occupants were frog-gigging. When asked whether they had fired a gun in the area both denied it. Sgt. Dupree advised them to be mindful of property boundaries and to ensure no firearms were discharged from a public road.

EMANUEL COUNTY

On September 7th, Cpl. Shaymus McNeely and Cpl. Mike Wilcox checked dove fields on opening day of dove season. The officers checked a total of 3 fields and 43 hunters during the day. Violations that were documented were: Hunting over bait, Possession of over the daily bag limit, Possession of illegally taken wildlife, Failure to participate in H.I.P. program, Hunting w/o license, and Hunting w/ an unplugged shotgun. A total of 39 violations were cited and the officers confiscated 279 doves during the day.



Region VII- Brunswick (Coastal)

WAYNE COUNTY

On September 6th Cpl Bobby White, RFC Randy Aspinwall, Rangers Colte Shaske and Jay Bright assisted Wayne County Sheriff's office with eradicating marijuana. Over 130 illegal plants were found by helicopter, some as tall as 8 feet.



CHATHAM COUNTY

September 1, Sgt. Cindy Miller, Ranger Jordan Crawford, and Cpl. Chris Moore responded to a minor boating incident involving one person and a PWC. The operator misjudged a wave and struck his head on the PWC. He was transported to Memorial Hospital for treatment of minor injuries.

September 1, Cpl. Chris Moore, Ranger Jordan Crawford, and Sgt. Cindy Miller patrolled the area of Wassaw Sound checking fishing licenses and creel limits. Two fishermen were found to be in violation for possession of six undersize red-drum. The fish were 12" – 12 ¾" in length. The slot limit on red-drum is 14"-23". The fish were returned to the water alive.



Afterwards the officers boarded a commercial shrimp boat in Bull River. The nets, TEDs (Turtle excluder devices), BRDs (By-catch reduction devices), and permits were checked. The vessel, gear, and fishermen were found to be in compliance.

September 5th, Corporal Bill Bryson, Corporal Chris Moore, and Ranger Jordan Crawford Patrolled offshore waters from Chatham County to Grays Reef National Marine Sanctuary. One vessel was checked fishing in the sanctuary and was in compliance.

CAMDEN COUNTY

On September 1, RFC David Brady and Sgt. Chris Hodge conducted a patrol in Camden County to address boating safety and fishing violations during the holiday weekend. Brady boarded several boats between the St. Mary's Jetties and offshore Cumberland Island and violations of undersize fish, fishing without a license, and Non-resident fishing without a license were cited. Other violations that were cited consisted of allowing person to ride on bow and allowing underage child to ride in moving vessel w/o PFD.

On September 6th during a vessel patrol Cpl. Chris Ridley observed a commercial shrimp trawler up the Satilla River from St. Andrews sound. The trawler appeared to be not moving and the nets were in the rigging. A short time later, the trawler began moving downriver and by looking through binoculars Cpl. Ridley could see that the trawler had dropped its nets and was dragging down river towards the sound. Approximately 20 minutes later the trawler was stopped by Cpl. Ridley and after talking to the Captain the trawler was escorted to the Jekyll Creek boat ramp. Cpl. Ridley was met at the ramp by Sgt. Chris Hodge and Ranger Colte Shaske. The trawler was boarded and the gear was inspected. The trawler was bonded and licensed as were all crew members. No seafood was on board except the small amount of sea life that was in the nets which was pushed overboard. The Captain and crew were cited for using power-drawn nets in closed waters. The trawler was 2 miles inside closed waters.

GLYNN COUNTY

On September 1st, Corporal Craig Smith and Ranger Colte Shaske conducted a holiday boating safety patrol around south Glynn County. Several boats were stopped and 9 subjects were cited for Operating a vessel above idle within 100' of a fixed object, Allowing child to ride in a vessel w/o a PFD, and Fishing w/o a License.

BRYAN COUNTY

On Sept. 1st, Cpl. Phillip Scott and Cpl. Jay Morgan patrolled the Ogeechee River around the King's Ferry Ramp area, citing one boater for operating above idle speed within 100 feet of a railroad trestle.

On Sept. 1st, RFC Jack Thain and Ranger Jason Miller patrolled the Intercostal Waterway and Ossabaw Sound areas, citing one boater for operating a vessel without enough life jackets on board, for no fire extinguisher on board, and for not having a Type IV (throwable) life jacket on board.

On Sept. 2nd, Ranger Jason Miller cited two persons for fishing without permission at the private dock at the old Bryan Fisherman's Co-op.

On Sept. 7th, Ranger Jason Miller and Cpl. Phillip Scott checked a small dove field in northern Bryan County where grain had been broadcasted onto a clear-cut. Seven hunters were checked and citations were issued for hunting over bait, hunting without a license, and hunting with an unplugged shotgun.

BRANTLEY COUNTY

On September 5th, RFC John Evans was working a night deer hunting detail in Brantley County. A short time after RFC Evans setup in the area, a vehicle approached his location and one of the occupants was using a handheld light to illuminate a clear cut. RFC Evans followed the vehicle for a short distance and also observed one of the occupants illuminate a second clear cut as well. RFC Evans stopped the vehicle and detained the occupants for further investigation. RFC Evans then located a rifle in the vehicle that had a flashlight mounted to the scope. Both subjects were cited for hunting deer at night, hunting from a public road, and hunting from a vehicle.

MCINTOSH COUNTY

On 9/5/2013 Sgt. Wayne Hubbard responded to call from McIntosh County Sheriff's Office to assist with security detail at McIntosh County Academy. All McIntosh schools were closed early that day after an online threat was detected. Officers evacuated all students and escorted them to their parents. After a thorough search and investigation, schools were reopened the next day.

